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Idaho Transportation Department seeks feedback on draft seven-year transportation plan

SHOSHONE — The Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) is seeking feedback on the just-released draft Idaho Transportation Investment Program (ITIP). The 2024-2030 ITIP outlines the state's transportation priorities and guides investment decisions for the next seven years. ITD encourages everyone to review the draft and provide comments from July 1-31.

Transportation projects included in the draft ITIP range from large-scale interstate improvements to smaller projects like the installation of a new guardrail. Projects are located throughout Idaho's 44 counties and involve all modes of transportation. Project selection is determined through technical data, as well as input from local officials and residents.

To review the complete draft plan visit itd.idaho.gov/funding to view an <u>interactive map</u> that allows users to learn about projects in their local area as well as submit a comment through the portal.

Local projects in the program include:

- A project to reconstruct the roadway on SH-75 from Saddle Road in Ketchum north to North Fork Campground Road.
- Bridge replacements on US-30, Bickell Railroad Overpass at milepost 231.9 near Murtaugh, and SH-75, Yankee Fork of Salmon Road at milepost 202.48 downriver from Stanley.
- A reconstruction and realignment safety project on SH-75 at Torrey's Hole RV access to Slate Creek that includes new pavement surface, riverbank stabilization, culvert installation, and installing guardrail.
- A safety and restoration project along US-93 from Hot Springs Road to Fish Creek Road north of Carey to restore deficient pavement, repair frost damage and apply a seal coat to provide a new roadway surface.
- Road widening with four lanes on US-93 from Jerome Butte, SH-25, north to R Canal.

Comments will be taken from July 1-31 and can be emailed to itipcomments@itd.idaho.gov or mailed to:

ITIP - Comments Attn: Office of Communication P.O. Box 7129 Boise, ID 83707

Paper copies of the ITIP will be provided upon request by contacting the Idaho Transportation Department (208) 334-8119.

All comments will be reviewed and incorporated into the ITIP where appropriate. Responses will be sent in September once the comment period has ended.

After approval by the Idaho Transportation Board in September, the ITIP will then be submitted to the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration, and the Environmental Protection Agency in October. Once finalized, ITD staff across the state will begin scoping new projects.

Public input is crucial in ensuring that the ITIP reflects the needs and desires of Idaho's communities.